

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

22. (currently amended) A candle composition substantially comprising hydrogenated plant source triglycerides in combination with a non-plant source free fatty acid, said candle composition having an iodine value of less ~~than 10 and substantially free of any petroleum waxes~~ than 5, whereby when said candle composition is burned substantially no soot is produced.

23. (currently canceled)

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25. (previously presented) The candle composition of claim 22, wherein said iodine value is less than 3.

26. (previously presented) The candle composition of claim 22, wherein said iodine value is less than 1.

27. (currently amended) The candle composition of claim 22, wherein said free fatty acid ~~includes a plant source free fatty acid.~~ is selected from the group consisting of an animal free fatty acid and a petroleum free fatty acid.

28. (currently canceled)

29. (previously presented) The candle composition of claim 22, wherein said plant source triglycerides and said free fatty acid each have an iodine value of 1 or less.

30. (previously presented) The candle composition of claim 22 including from 2% to 35% by weight free fatty acid.

31. (previously presented) The candle composition of claim 22 including approximately 4% to 22% by weight free fatty acid.

32. (currently amended) A ~~paraffin-free~~ candle consisting essentially of triglycerides, free fatty acids, and a wick, said candle having an iodine value of less ~~than 10~~ than 1, whereby when said candle is burned substantially no soot is produced.

33. (previously presented) The candle of claim 32, wherein said candle includes at least 40% by weight triglyceride.

34. (previously presented) The candle of claim 32, wherein said candle includes at least 70% by weight triglyceride.

35. (previously presented) The candle of claim 32, wherein said candle includes at least 4% by weight plant source free fatty acid.

36. (currently amended) The candle of claim 32, ~~having an iodine value of less than 5~~, wherein said candle includes at least 4% by weight non-plant source free fatty acid.

37. (currently amended) The candle of claim 32, having an iodine value of less ~~than 1~~, than 0.5.

38. (currently amended) The candle of claim 32, wherein said triglyceride is a plant-source triglyceride and said free fatty acid is a non-plant source free fatty acid. ~~are selected from plant-source triglycerides and free fatty acids.~~

39. (currently amended) A ~~paraffin-free~~ candle comprised substantially of hydrogenated triglycerides, hydrogenated free fatty acids, and a wick, wherein said hydrogenated triglycerides are derived from an oil selected from the group consisting of rapeseed oil, olive oil, peanut oil, perilla oil, linseed oil, candlenut oil, rubberseed oil, safflower oil, poppy oil, walnut oil, tobacco oil, niger oil, sesame oil, meadowfoam oil, kukui

nut oil, macadamia nut oil, coconut oil and cocoa oil, said candle having an iodine value of less ~~than 10,~~ than 5, whereby when said candle is burned substantially no soot is produced.

40. (currently amended) The candle of claim 39 having an iodine value of less ~~than 5,~~ than 3.

41. (previously presented) The candle of claim 39, having an iodine value of less than 1.